

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application filed 7/16/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose a method for generating and displaying information relating to a vehicle's history, comprising the steps of: determining whether the records include a reliability issue record containing information indicating that a reliability issue exists for the particular vehicle; if a reliability issue record exists for the particular vehicle, then displaying an electronically displayable reliability issue file; if no reliability issue record exists, then determining whether the database should contain reliability issue information regarding the particular vehicle; and if the database should include reliability issue information regarding the particular vehicle, displaying an electronically displayable file related to the absence of a reliability issue for the particular vehicle; nor does the prior art disclose a method for generating and displaying import compliance information relating to a vehicle's history, comprising the steps of: determining whether a first title/registration record of the records relating to the particular vehicle indicate the vehicle originated in a first country; determining Whether a second title/registration record, subsequent to the first title/registration record during the vehicle's history, indicates at least one of a titling and a registration in a second country; determining whether an import record exists that indicates compliance with import standards of the second country at a time during the history of the vehicle after the first title/registration record; if no import record relating to the second country exists after the first

title/registration record, then displaying an electronically displayable first import advisory file related to the vehicle not meeting import standards of the second country. These limitations in combination are neither taught nor obvious by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lawrence et al. (US 6505106) disclose an analysis and profiling of vehicle fleet data wherein data records transmitted from a plurality of vehicles are collected at a central data repository.

Bromer (US 64767150 discloses a land vehicle identification by flickering lamps.

Bunn (US 6240365) discloses an automated vehicle tracking and service provision system.

Shah et al. (US 6026345) disclose a method and apparatus for tracking vehicle location.

Hanson et al. (US 5999878) disclose a system and method for acquiring geographic data for forming a digital database of road geometry in a geographic region.

Joao (US 5917405) discloses a control apparatus and methods for vehicles.

Beckert et al. (US 5794164) disclose a vehicle computer system with a housing sized to be mounted in a vehicle dashboard or other appropriate location.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gertrude Arthur-Jeanglaude whose telephone number is (703) 308-7564. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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